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Yoshitaka KINOSHITA, et al.	:	Confirmation Number: 9940
Application No.: 10/593,446	:	Group Art Unit: 2811
Filed: September 19, 2006	:	Examiner: Not Yet Assigned
For: SEMICONDUCTOR LIGHT-EMITTING DEVICE AND ILLUMINATING DEVICE	:	

**REQUEST FOR CORRECTED OFFICIAL FILING RECEIPT AND CORRECTED
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1. The title should be **SEMICONDUCTOR LIGHT-EMITTING DEVICE AND ILLUMINATING DEVICE**.
2. The Attorney Docket Number should be **071971-0741**.
3. The total number of claims should be **20** and the number of independent claims should be **1**.
4. Under the **Applicant(s)** header there should be two applicants:
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This application is a 371 of PCT/JP2005/005003 03/18/2005
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JAPAN 2004-079873 03/19/2004

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Attached is a copy of the Notice of Acceptance of Application received from the U.S. Patent and Trademark Office in the above-referenced application. It is noted that **the Attorney Docket Number was recorded incorrectly**. Attached is a copy of the return receipt postcard, which evidences that the Attorney Docket Number should appear as **071971-0741**.

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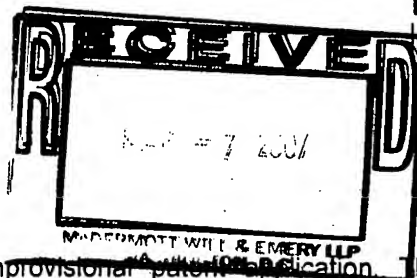
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Domestic Priority data as claimed by applicant

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Foreign Applications

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Title

SEMICONDUCTOR LIGHT-EMITTING DEVICE AND ILLUMINATING
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 DEVICE

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371 ACCEPTANCE LETTER



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NOTICE OF ACCEPTANCE OF APPLICATION UNDER 35 U.S.C 371 AND 37 CFR 1.495

The applicant is hereby advised that the United States Patent and Trademark Office in its capacity as a Designated / Elected Office (37 CFR 1.495), has determined that the above identified international application has met the requirements of 35 U.S.C. 371, and is ACCEPTED for national patentability examination in the United States Patent and Trademark Office.

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<u>09/19/2006</u>	<u>09/19/2006</u>
DATE OF RECEIPT OF 35 U.S.C. 371(c)(1), (c)(2) and (c)(4) REQUIREMENTS	DATE OF COMPLETION OF ALL 35 U.S.C. 371 REQUIREMENTS

A Filing Receipt (PTO-103X) will be issued for the present application in due course. **THE DATE APPEARING ON THE FILING RECEIPT AS THE " FILING DATE" IS THE DATE ON WHICH THE LAST OF THE 35 U.S.C. 371 (c)(1), (c)(2) and (c)(4) REQUIREMENTS HAS BEEN RECEIVED IN THE OFFICE. THIS DATE IS SHOWN ABOVE.** The filing date of the above identified application is the international filing date of the international application (Article 11(3) and 35 U.S.C. 363). Once the Filing Receipt has been received, send all correspondence to the Group Art Unit designated thereon.

The following items have been received:

- Copy of the International Application filed on 09/19/2006
- Copy of the International Search Report filed on 09/19/2006
- Preliminary Amendments filed on 09/19/2006
- Oath or Declaration filed on 09/19/2006
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FORM PCT/DO/EO/903 (371 Acceptance Notice)

Applicant: Yoshitaka KINOSHITA, et al. Docket No. 071971-0741 Serial No. Not Yet Assigned

Title: SEMICONDUCTOR LIGHT-EMITTING DEVICE AND ILLUMINATING DEVICE Patent No. _____

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34 pages of Specification

3 pages of Claims

1 pages of Abstract

9 pages of Formal/Informal Drawings

☐ Small Entity ☒ Large Entity

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18 References attached

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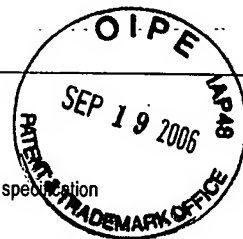
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PRELIMINARY AMENDMENT

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Sir:

Prior to examination of the above-referenced application, please amend the application as follows:

Amendments to the Specification begin on page 2 of this paper.

Amendments to the Claims begin on page 5 of this paper.

Remarks/Arguments begin on page 8 of this paper.

An **Appendix** containing 35 sheets each of clean and marked-up substitute specification is attached following page 8 of this paper.

IN THE SPECIFICATION:

Please insert the following new paragraph after the Title and before the "TECHNICAL FIELD":

-- RELATED APPLICATIONS

This application is the U.S. National Phase under 35 U.S.C. § 371 of International Application No. PCT/JP2005/005003, filed on March 18, 2005, which in turn claims the benefit of Japanese Application No. 2004-079873, filed on March 19, 2004, the disclosures of which Applications are incorporated by reference herein.—

Please amend the paragraph beginning on page 9 at line 26 and bridging page 10 as follows:

[0031] FIGS. 2(a) and 2(b) show an exemplary structure of the substrate **10** made of GaN. FIG. 2(a) shows the plan structure thereof, and FIG. 2(b) shows a cross-sectional structure thereof taken along the line ~~VIIIa—VIIIa~~ I Ib - I Ib in FIG. 2(a). As shown in FIG. 2, the top surface of the substrate **10**, which is an element formation surface, is inclined relative to the (0001) plane **10a** of the plane direction of the GaN crystal, and the angle of inclination (off-angle) is about one degree at a maximum. The direction of inclination is the <11-20> direction, the <10-10> direction, or a direction between the <11-20> direction and the <10-10> direction of the crystal. Note that the (0001) plane of the plane direction means the c-plane in the hexagonal system.

Please amend the paragraph beginning on page 14 at line 2 as follows:

[0044] For the n-type cladding layer **13**, use can be made of a compound whose general formula is represented by $\text{Al}_g\text{Ga}_{1-g}\text{N}$ ($0 \leq g < 1$). By employing the n-type cladding layer **13** made of group III-V nitride semiconductor with a wider band gap than the In-containing n-type semiconductor layer **12**, hole overflow from the light-emitting layer **14** can be effectively prevented. Although the n-type cladding layer **13** is preferably doped with an n-type impurity, it may be doped with no n-type impurity. If it is doped with an n-type impurity, it is recommended that the carrier concentration of the cladding layer **13** is lower than those of the n-type contact layer **11** and the In-containing n-type semiconductor layer **12**. By employing such a structure, the n-type

cladding layer 13 has a higher resistance than the n-type contact layer 11, so that the n-type cladding layer 13 blocks electron flow from the n-type contact layer 11 through the n-type cladding layer 13 toward the light-emitting layer 14. Thus, electrons spread uniformly at the interface between the In-containing n-type semiconductor layer 12 and ~~within~~ the n-type cladding layer 13. Therefore, uniform electron injection into the light-emitting layer 14 can be realized to uniformize spatial distribution of light emission from the light-emitting layer 14. As a result of this, a uniform plane emission of light can be provided from the back surface of the substrate 10 serving as the main light-emitting plane.

Please amend the paragraph beginning on page 18 at line 19 as follows:

[0058] As shown in FIG. 3, for the conventional stacked film of group III-V nitride semiconductor not provided with the In-containing n-type semiconductor layer 12, the standard deviation of photoluminescence intensity was 32.9%, which indicates very wide variations. On the other hand, for the stacked film of the present invention made of group III-V nitride semiconductor and provided with the In-containing n-type semiconductor layer 12, the standard deviation was 4.1%, from which it is obvious that the light-emitting layer 14 is formed uniformly on the substrate.

Please amend the paragraph beginning on page 31 at line 7 as follows:

[0113] Further, a translucent electrode 18 is provided on the top surface of the p-type semiconductor layer 15, and emitted light is taken from the semiconductor layer formation surface thereof. Provision of the translucent electrode 18 can reduce the area of the p-side electrode 16, so that light absorption by the p-side electrode 16 can be avoided. Moreover, since the area of the translucent electrode 18 can be increased, a current can be passed uniformly through the light-emitting layer 14. This enhances the optical power output and reduces the operating voltage. It is sufficient that the translucent electrode 18 is formed of a known indium ~~titanium~~ tin oxide (ITO) film or the like.

Please amend the paragraph beginning on page 33 at line 24 and bridging page 34 as follows:

[0124] An illuminating device according to a fourth embodiment of the present invention will be described below with reference to the accompanying drawings. FIG. 13 shows a cross-sectional structure of a light-emitting unit 60 used for the illuminating device according to the fourth embodiment. Referring to FIG. 13, the submount 51 with the light-emitting device adhering thereto is allowed to adhere to the inside of a cup of a lead frame 62 in electrically connected relation with Ag paste or the like. The n-side substrate electrode of the submount ~~[[50]]~~ 51 is electrically connected to a lead frame 64 with a wire 63 interposed therebetween. The cup of the lead frame 62 is molded with resin 65.

IN THE CLAIMS:

This listing of claims will replace all prior versions and listings of claims in the application

Listing of Claims:

1. (Currently Amended) A semiconductor light-emitting device comprising:
a substrate made of group III-V nitride semiconductor;
a first n-type semiconductor layer containing indium and formed over a main surface of the substrate; and
a light-emitting layer formed ~~between~~ over the first n-type semiconductor layer ~~and the substrate~~.
2. (Original) The device of claim 1,
wherein the substrate is made of gallium nitride.
3. (Original) The device of claim 1,
wherein the main surface of the substrate is polished.
4. (Original) The device of claim 3,
wherein the main surface of the substrate is etched.
5. (Original) The device of claim 3,
wherein the main surface of the substrate is planarized.
6. (Original) The device of claim 1,
wherein the light-emitting layer has a multiple quantum well structure formed by alternately stacking a quantum well layer and a barrier layer, and
the quantum well layer has a thickness of 1 to 2.5 nm inclusive.
7. (Currently Amended) The device of claim 1,
wherein the first n-type semiconductor layer is made of a compound whose general

formula is represented by $\text{In}_a\text{Al}_b\text{Ga}_{1-a-b}\text{N}$ ($0 < a < 1, 0 \leq b < 1, a+b \leq 1$) ($0 < a < 1, 0 \leq b < 1, a+b \leq 1$).

8. (Original) The device of claim 7,
wherein the aluminum content of the first n-type semiconductor layer is 3% or lower.
9. (Original) The device of claim 1,
wherein the first n-type semiconductor layer has a thickness of 10 nm to 1 μm inclusive.
10. (Original) The device of claim 1, further comprising a second n-type semiconductor layer formed between the substrate and the first n-type semiconductor layer.
11. (Original) The device of claim 10,
wherein the second n-type semiconductor layer is made of a compound whose general formula is represented by $\text{In}_c\text{Al}_d\text{Ga}_{1-c-d}\text{N}$ ($0 \leq c < 1, 0 \leq d < 1, c+d < 1$).
12. (Original) The device of claim 11,
wherein the second n-type semiconductor layer is an n-type contact layer.
13. (Original) The device of claim 8, further comprising a third n-type semiconductor layer formed between the first n-type semiconductor layer and the light-emitting layer.
14. (Original) The device of claim 13,
wherein the third n-type semiconductor layer is an n-type contact layer.
15. (Original) The device of claim 1, further comprising a fourth n-type semiconductor layer formed between the first n-type semiconductor layer and the light-emitting layer.
16. (Original) The device of claim 15,
wherein the fourth n-type semiconductor layer is made of a compound whose general formula is represented by $\text{Al}_e\text{Ga}_{1-e}\text{N}$ ($0 \leq e < 1$).

17. (Original) The device of claim 16,
wherein the fourth n-type semiconductor layer is a cladding layer.
18. (Original) The device of claim 17,
wherein the cladding layer has a thickness of 5 to 200 nm inclusive.
19. (Original) The device of claim 1, further comprising:
an n-type contact layer which is formed between the substrate and the light-emitting layer
and a portion of which is exposed;
an n-side electrode formed on the exposed portion of the n-type contact layer;
an n-type cladding layer formed between the first n-type semiconductor layer and the
light-emitting layer;
a p-type semiconductor layer formed on the light-emitting layer; and
a p-side electrode formed over the p-type semiconductor layer,
wherein the device is mounted with an element formation surface thereof facing a
submount for mounting.
20. (Currently Amended) A illuminating device comprising the multiple semiconductor
light-emitting devices of ~~claims 1-19~~ claim 1.

REMARKS

The specification in the above-referenced application has been amended to incorporate the continuity information and correct minor errors in translation. Claims 1 and 7 have been amended to correct minor errors and to delete the multiple dependency of claim 20. No new matter has been introduced. The attached substitute specification contains no new matter. Entry of this amendment is respectfully requested.

Respectfully submitted,

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Title of Invention:
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COUNTRY	APPLICATION NO.	DATE OF FILING	PRIORITY CLAIMED
Japan	2004-079873	March 19, 2004	Yes

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I hereby claim the benefit under Title 35, United States Code §119(e) of any United States Provisional application(s) listed below.

APPLICATION NO.	U.S. PROVISIONAL APPLICATION FILING DATE

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I hereby claim the benefit under Title 35, United States Code §120 of any United States application(s), or §365(C) of any PCT international application designating the United States of America, listed below and, insofar as the subject matter of each of the claims of this application is not disclosed in the prior United States or PCT international application in the manner provided by the first paragraph of Title 35, United States Code §112, I acknowledge the duty to disclose information material to patentability as defined in Title 37, Code of Federal Regulations, §1.56 which occurred between the filing date of the prior application and the national or PCT international filing date of this application.

APPLICATION NO.	U.S. FILING DATE	STATUS: PATENTED, PENDING, ABANDONED

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